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In re Application of:  Dennis Mendiola et al.		Examiner:	Coffy, Emmanuel
Application No:	09/846,376	Art Unit:	2157
Filing Date:	05/02/2001 )	RESPONSE DATED:	TO OFFICE ACTION 08/23/2004
For: "Method and System for Tracking the) Online Status of Active Users of an ) Internet-Based Instant Messaging ) System		Customer No	o.:24943

## **AMENDMENT**

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## Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2004, hereinafter, "the Office Action." The Office Action set a shortened period for reply of three months from the mailing date of the Office Action which makes this response due on or before November 23, 2004.

The Application is believed by Applicant to be in proper condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.